

## 8B SONG House of the Rising Sun

a 4 20)) Listen to the song. Match the halves of sentences. Match 1–6 with a–f and 7–12 with g–l.

### House of the Rising Sun



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| 1 There is a house in New Orleans        | <input type="checkbox"/> d | a down in New Orleans                 |
| 2 And it's been the ruin of many         | <input type="checkbox"/>   | b is when he's on a drunk             |
| 3 My mother was a tailor                 | <input type="checkbox"/>   | c a poor boy, and God, I know I'm one |
| 4 My father was a gambling man           | <input type="checkbox"/>   | d they call the Rising Sun            |
| 5 Now the only thing a gambler needs     | <input type="checkbox"/>   | e she sewed my new blue jeans         |
| 6 And the only time he's satisfied       | <input type="checkbox"/>   | f is a suitcase and a trunk           |
| 7 Oh mother tell your children           | <input type="checkbox"/>   | g they call the Rising Sun            |
| 8 To spend your lives in sin and misery  | <input type="checkbox"/>   | h not to do what I have done          |
| 9 Well I got one foot on the platform    | <input type="checkbox"/>   | i to wear that ball and chain         |
| 10 I'm going back to New Orleans         | <input type="checkbox"/>   | j a poor boy, and God, I know I'm one |
| 11 Well, there is a house in New Orleans | <input type="checkbox"/>   | k in the House of the Rising Sun      |
| 12 And it's been the ruin of many        | <input type="checkbox"/>   | l the other foot on the train         |

b Choose the best alternatives to make a summary of the song.

*House of the Rising Sun* is a song about a person's <sup>1</sup>good / bad life in New Orleans, USA. The man in the song doesn't have <sup>2</sup>much money / many friends. His <sup>3</sup>mother / father lost everything, <sup>4</sup>drank / ate too much and <sup>5</sup>loved / left the town. The man wants to <sup>6</sup>live in / leave the House of the Rising Sun, but he can't.

#### SONG FACTS

*House of the Rising Sun* is an old folk song from America. Nobody is sure who wrote the song. It tells the story of a man whose life went wrong in New Orleans, USA. It was an international number 1 hit for British group The Animals in 1964.

#### GLOSSARY

ruin *noun* = something that makes everything bad  
 poor = without money  
 tailor = a person who makes clothes  
 gambler = a person who tries to win money on games or sports  
 suitcase / trunk = a bag / large box to carry your things when travelling  
 satisfied = happy  
 on a drunk = drinking alcohol  
 sin and misery = doing bad things and feeling unhappy  
 platform = the place at a station where the train arrives  
 wear that ball and chain = to do something you don't want to do / go to prison